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Welcome, my friends to the latest issue of IL-LUMINATUS! With luck (and nice treatment from Kathe Todd, whose help in nursing this project along is greatly appreciated), you'll be reading this in the second issue of the adaptation. If my blown deadlines are too far out of whack, it's the 3rd! We still haven't received many letters on the new 1st issue as of this writing, so I'm going to dig into the mail folder again for comments on the original first issue I published in 1987. Here goes:

Mar 9, 1990

IAI: INDEPENDENT AGENTS OF THE ILLUMINATI

To the Prettiest One

Just finished ILLUMINATUS! Vol. 1 (July 1987) and loved it. As a long time fan of the novel, I found the comic very true to the story. Please, I'm begging you, tell me more. I promise to take them out and masturbate over them every day. Also send info on any other services or products available. but hurry, I'm jonesing.

ALL HAIL DISCORDIA Frater Quantum Probe, KSC Sirius Systems 23 Michael Patton 1129 S. Laurel #3 Indianapolis, IN 46203

IAI RIGHT BETWEEN THE EYES

P.S.: Got the first issue from Popular Reality.
IF A PERSON WANTS to be ATHEISTIC it's his
GOD GIVEN RIGHT to be an ATHEIST.
IAI: A PLANETARY FRANCHISE of SIRIUS SYSTEMS 23

Now, isn't that special? Siriusly, Frater P., thanks for the compliments, and I hope you've been able to find the current series to help your Jones out. Need to get you in touch with the local Indi Black Panther Society affiliated with the KFM (too many conspiracies these days...) Popular Reality, for those unaware, was a Sub-Genius related newspaper that ran through most of the '80's. The publisher is now working on a compilation of the BEST of the 'zine, and has a mail order catalog available for ordering. He was selling copies of the

original 1st issue for awhile, and will (hopefully!) also be carrying this new series.

Now let's take another random grab into the mail folder:

9/29/89

Thanks for the use of the comic book. It was strange, disjointed, and very entertaining. There was one box in particular that hit close to home. On page 16 at the bottom, George Dorn is smoking a joint while writing philosophical thoughts in his diary. When I was in high school, I would get home in the afternoon, go into my folks' basement, isolate myself in a storage room with a small window, smoke a bit of a joint, and write down my thoughts as I tried to figure out the world. I also enjoyed Simon Moon and Mary Lou Servix (HA HA) and their experience with Taoism.

John N.

Well, John, we need more philosophers in the world. I'm glad the comic said something important to you. Slight technical point, though: Tantricism is originally (not counting the Tibetan Shamanic stage) a Buddhist technique, though Simon himself is a devotee of Mummu, the Babylonian Chaos god. You don't need to be a Taoist to perceive the Tao, and the connections between the Tao and the Sacred Chao (as well as some differences) will, I hope, become more apparent with time.

Of course, dear V is no doubt a Discordian, by the symbolism he uses and by the five-fold Illuminati history development stages he uses, which are clearly explained in one of the appendices to ILLUMINATUS! Influences all over there!

Back to the letters:

August 23, '87

Dear Icarus;

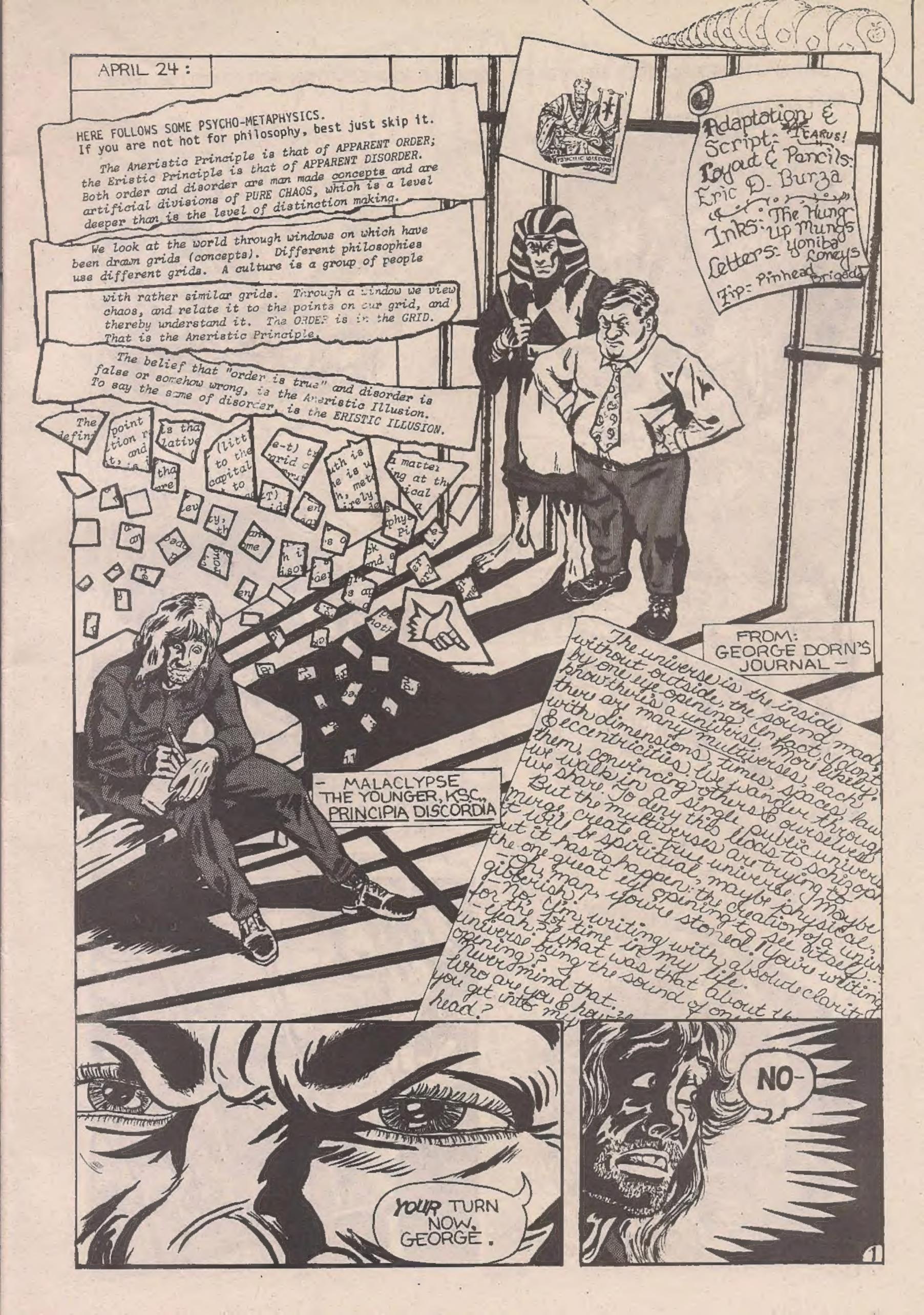
Congratulations on your monumental undertaking: IL-LUMINATUS! THE COMIC BOOK. I got a glance at Robert Anton Wilson's copy when he was in town last month, but am unable to find the premier issue in local comic book stores. I'm sure this effort will catch on with the local intelligentsia if they are exposed to your good work.

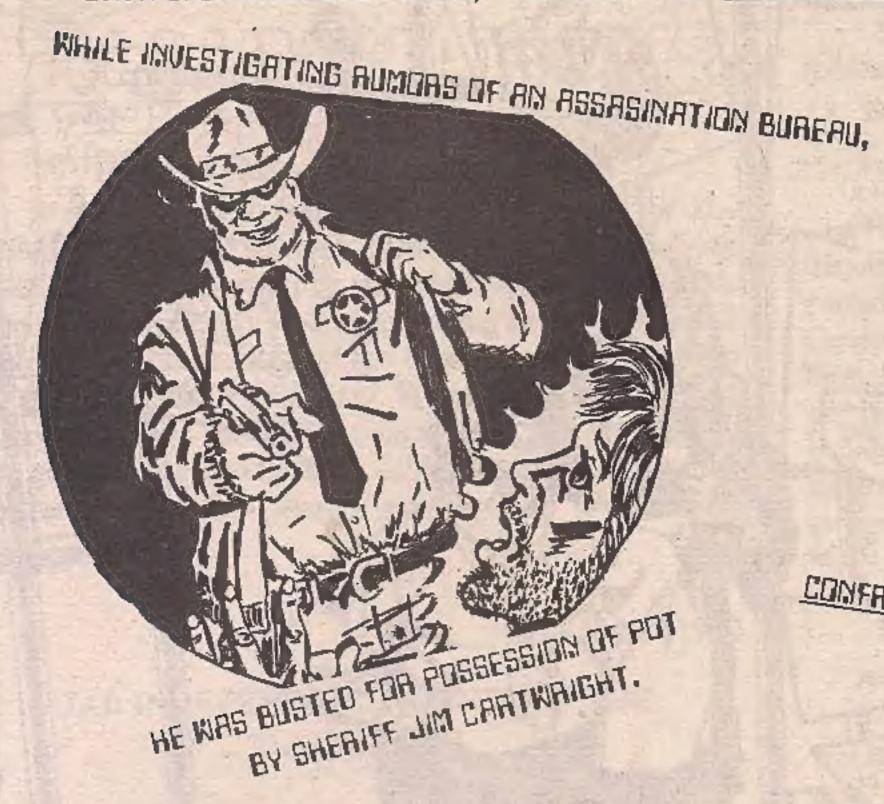
I believe a full color cover would make IL-LUMINATUS! more attractive to distributors since color covers are standard in the industry.

Heute das Sonnersystem! Kurt Smith Norton Reformed, HdS 758 37th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94121

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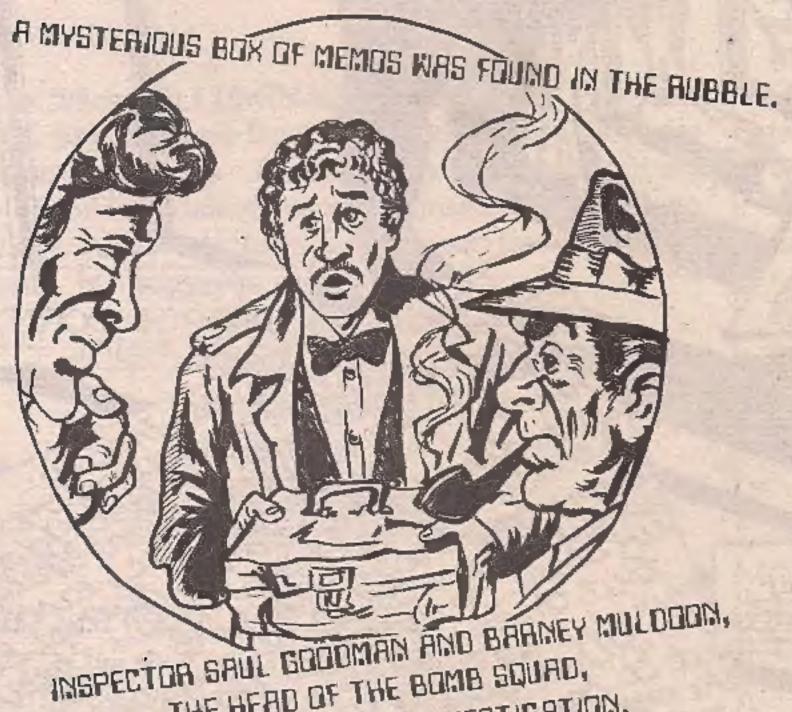
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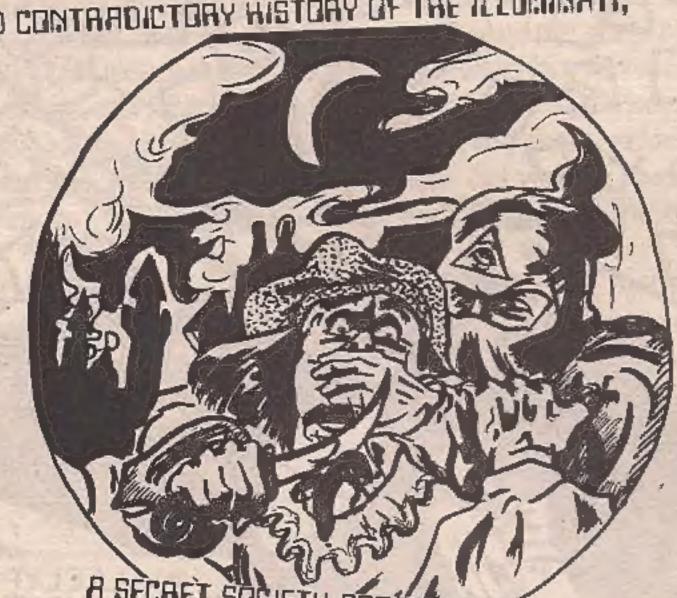




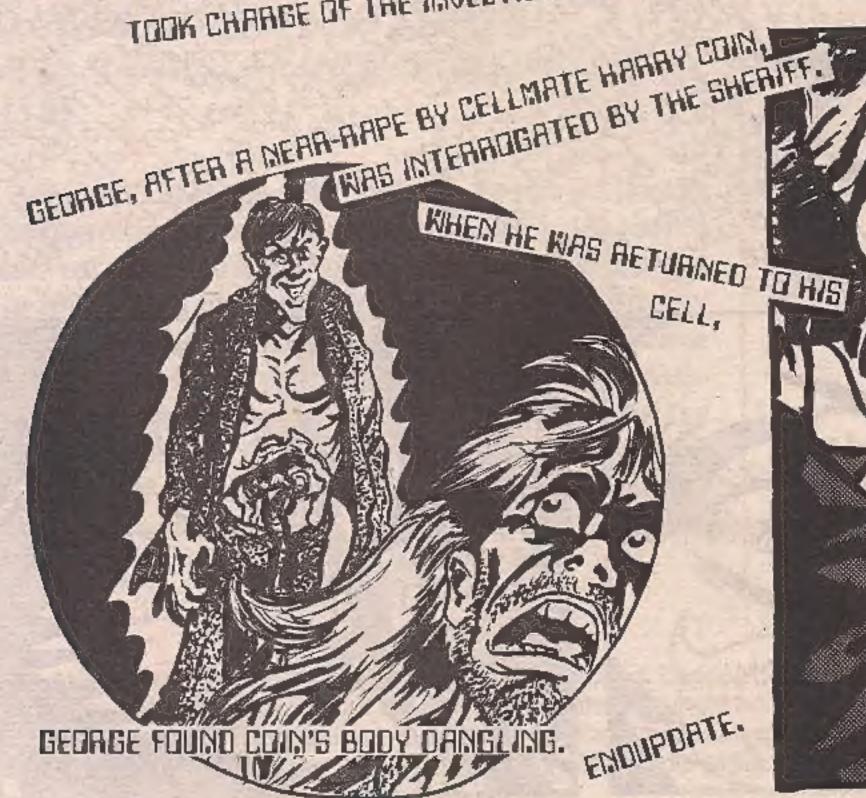
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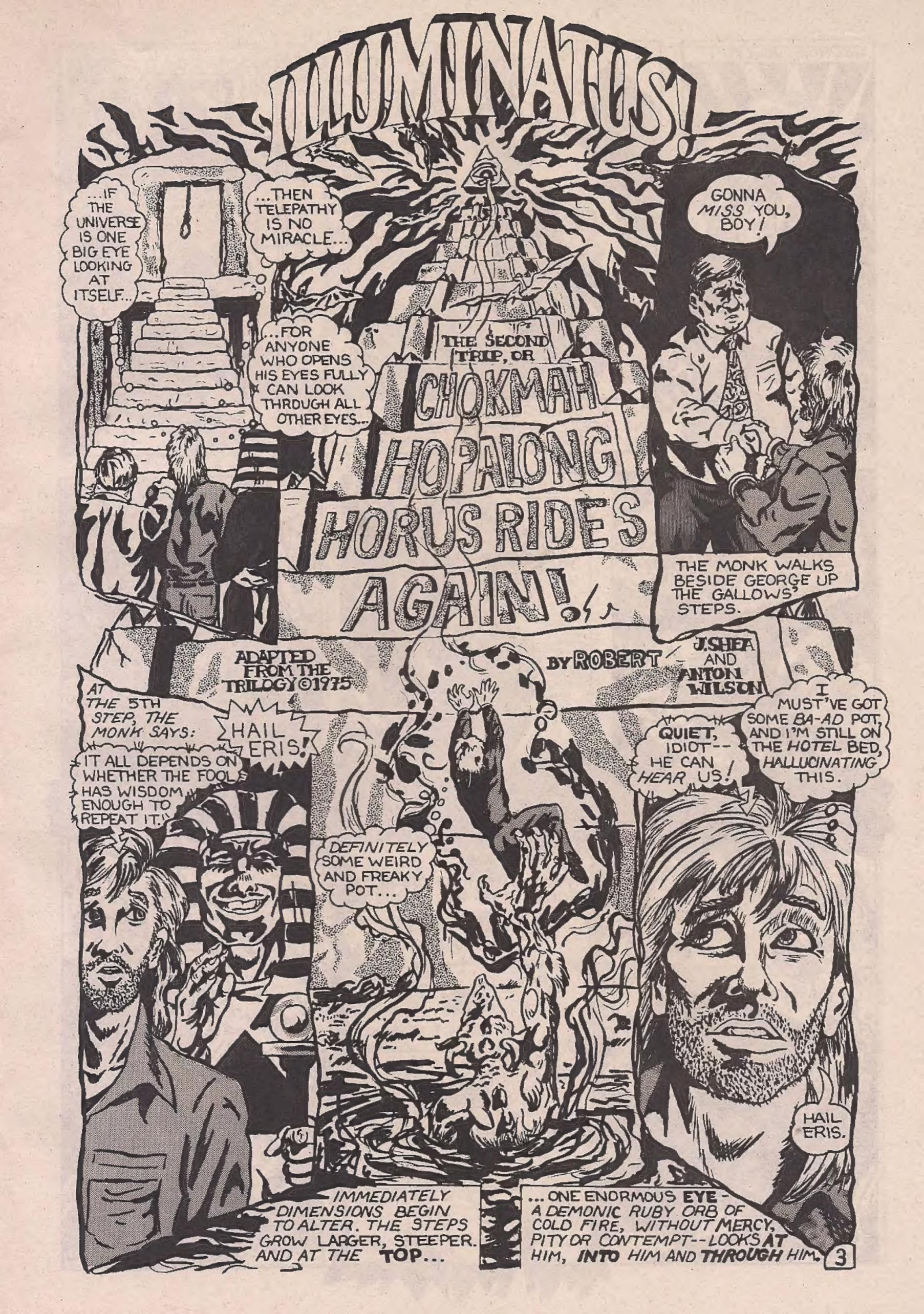
THE HEAD OF THE BOMB SQUAD, TOOK CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION.



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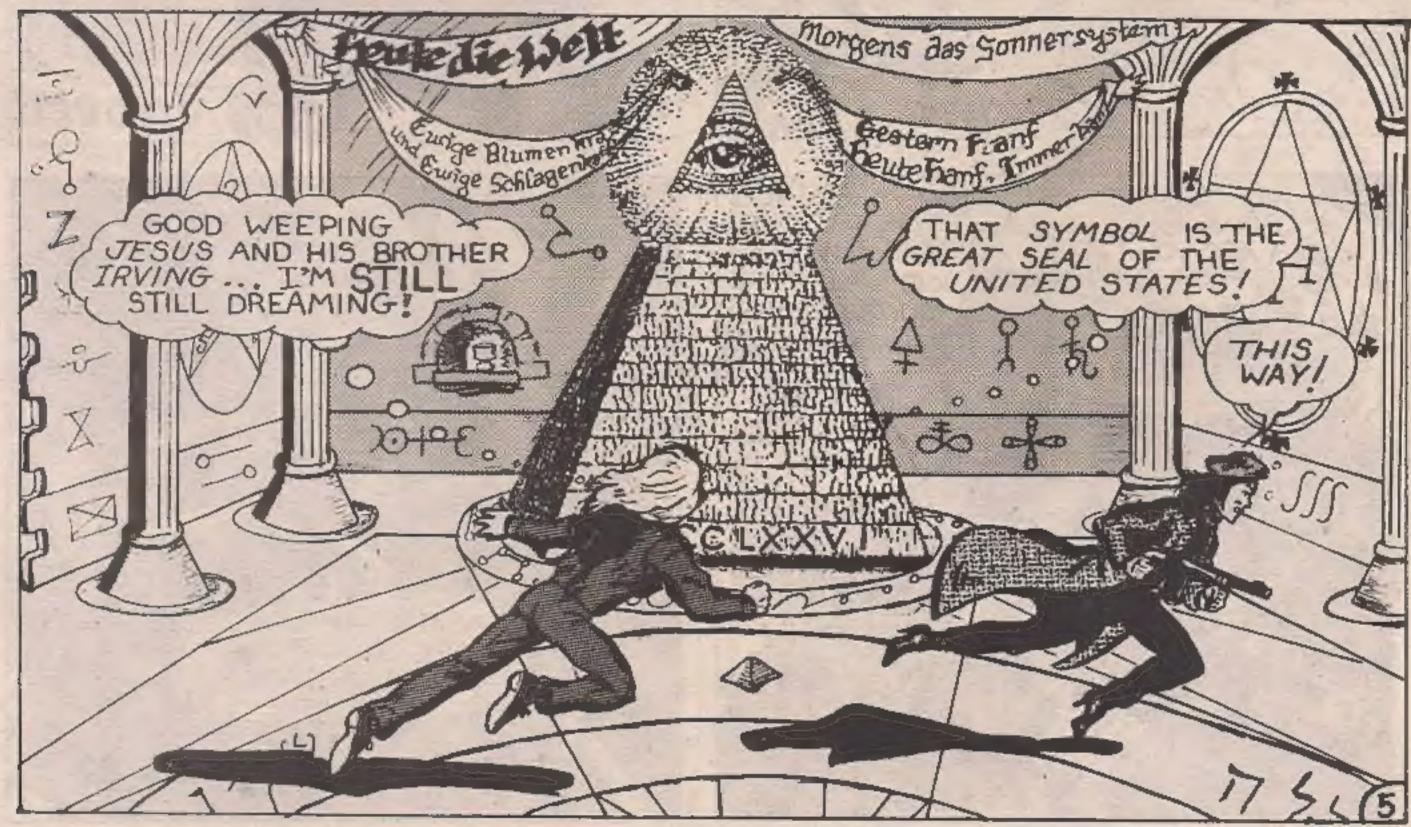








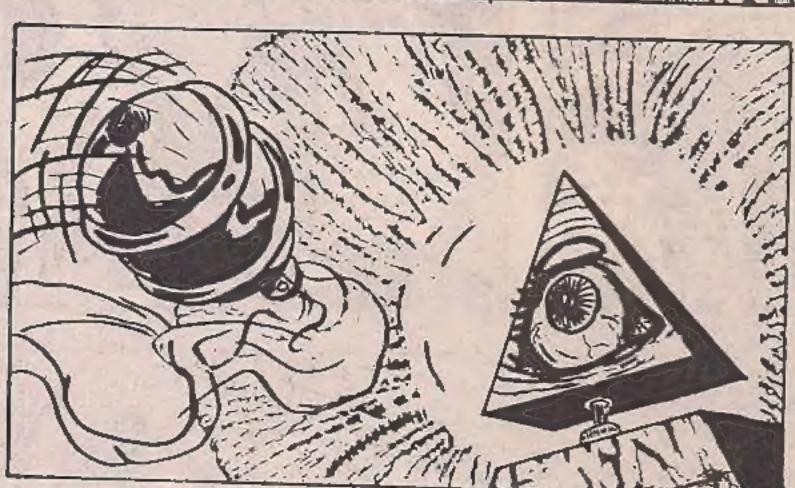




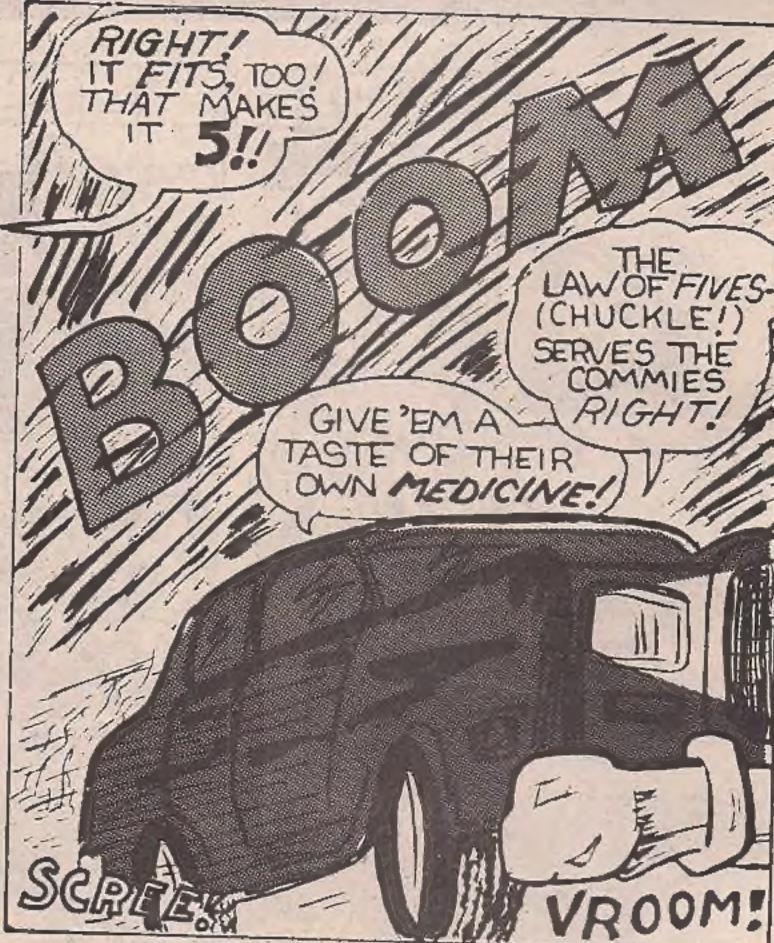
















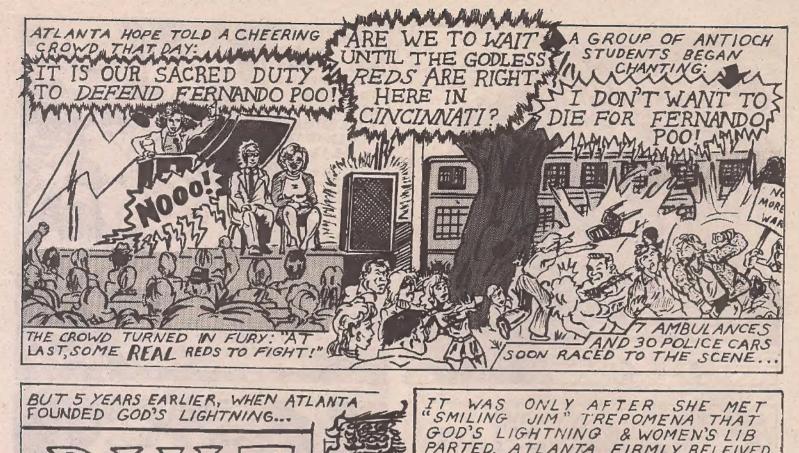






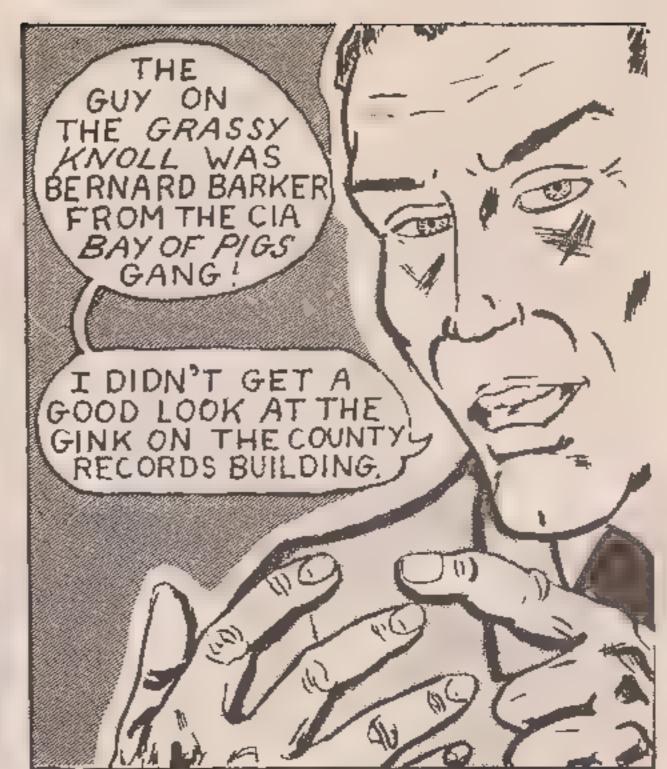




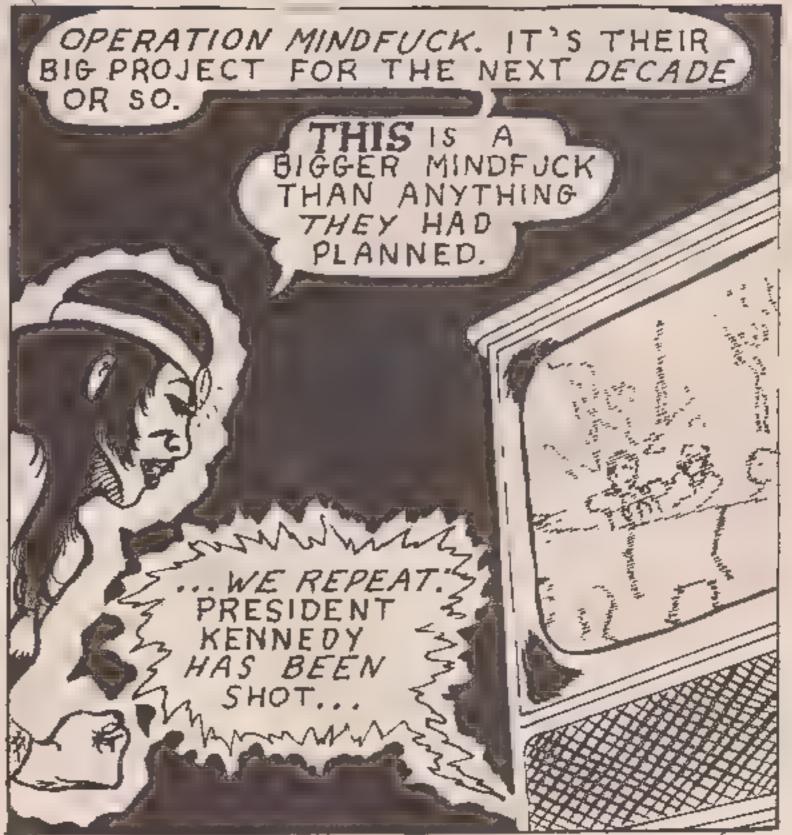


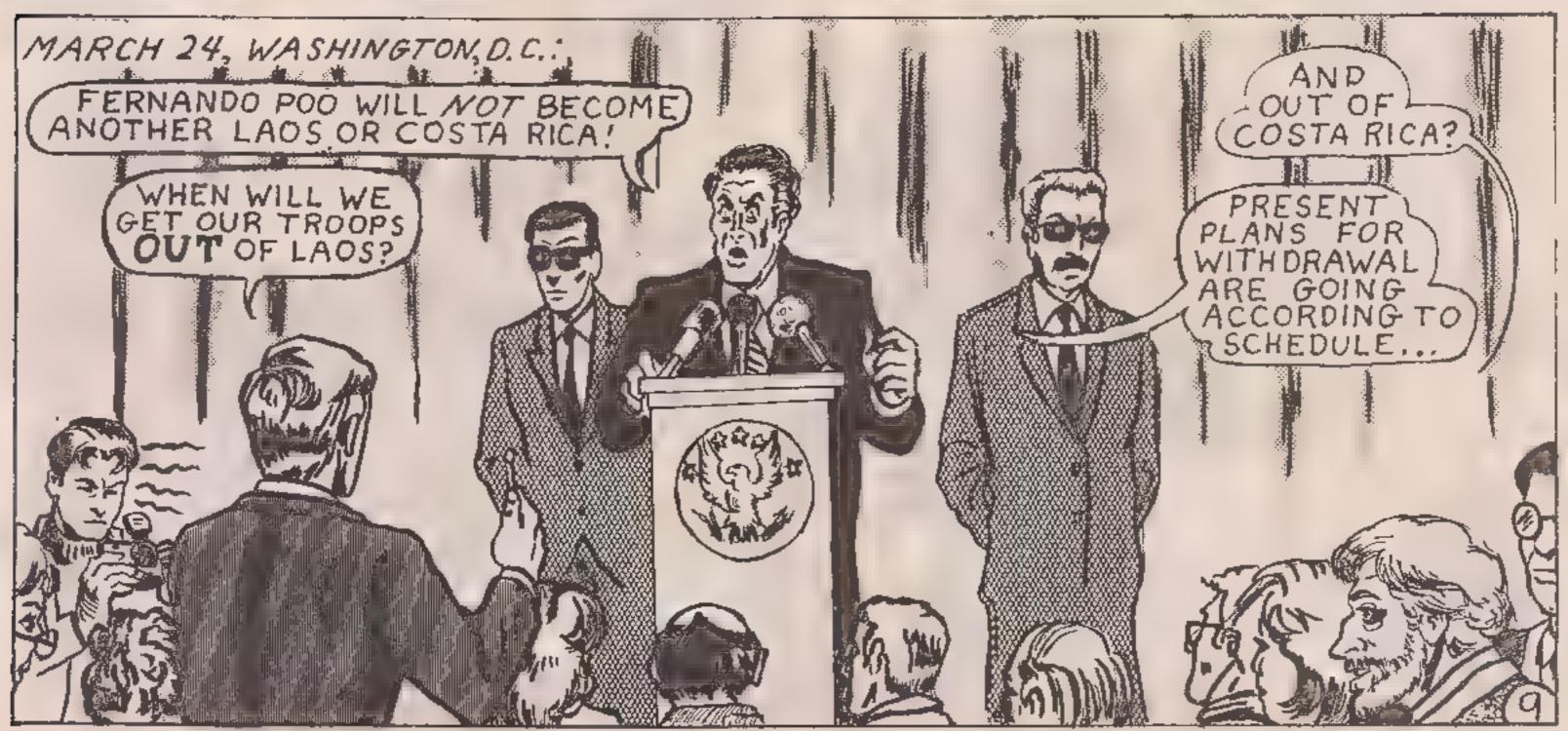


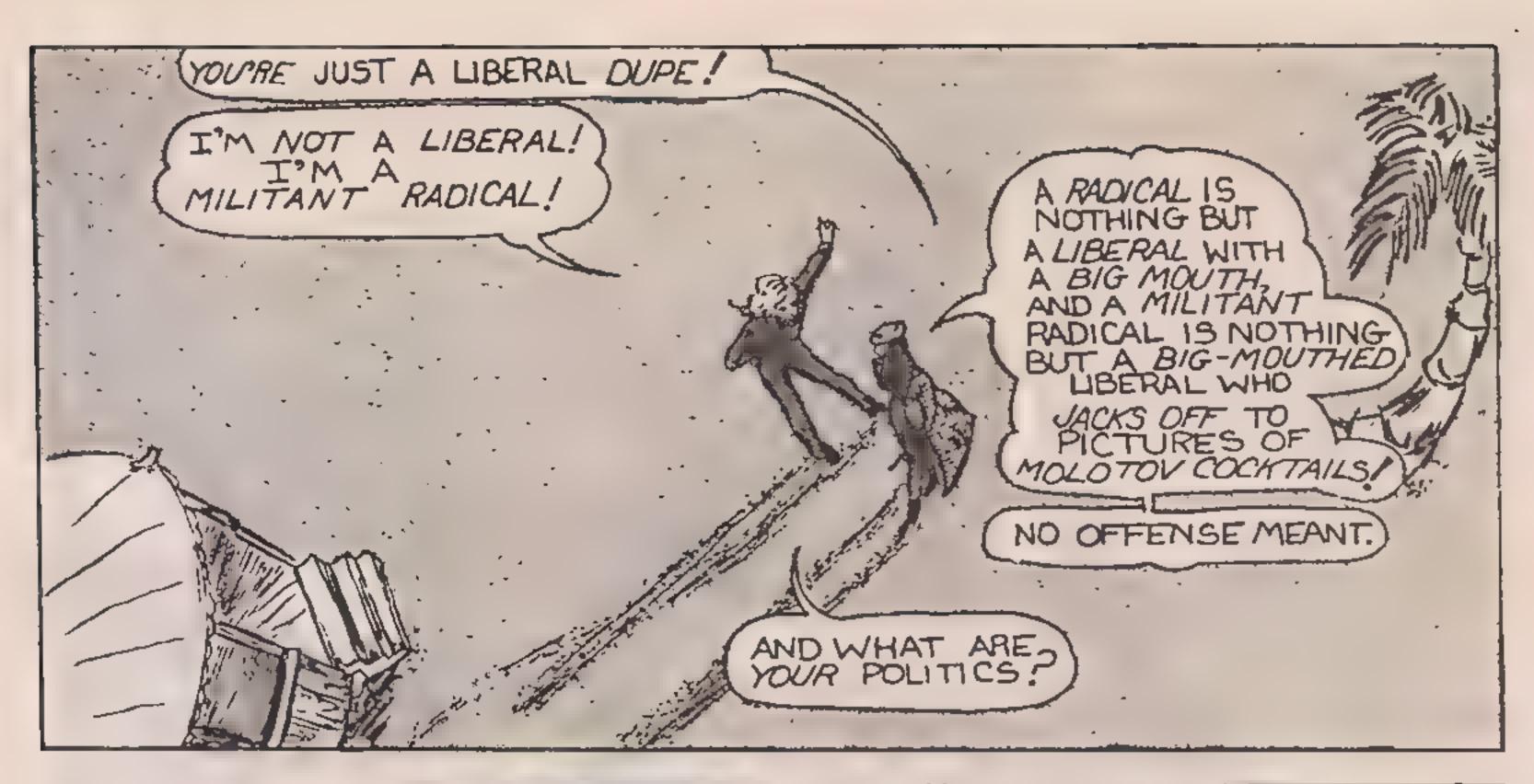








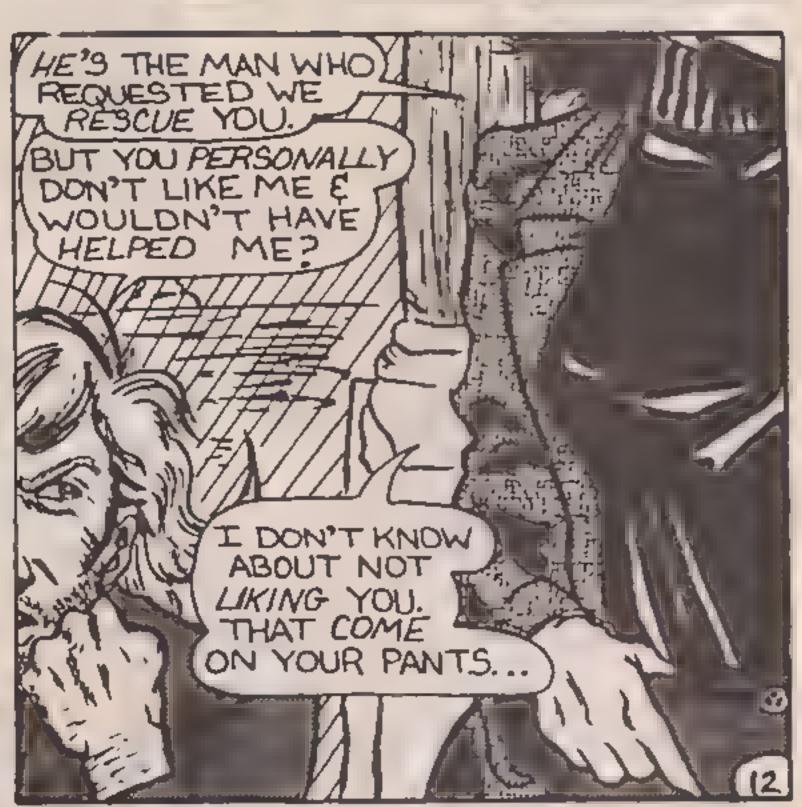






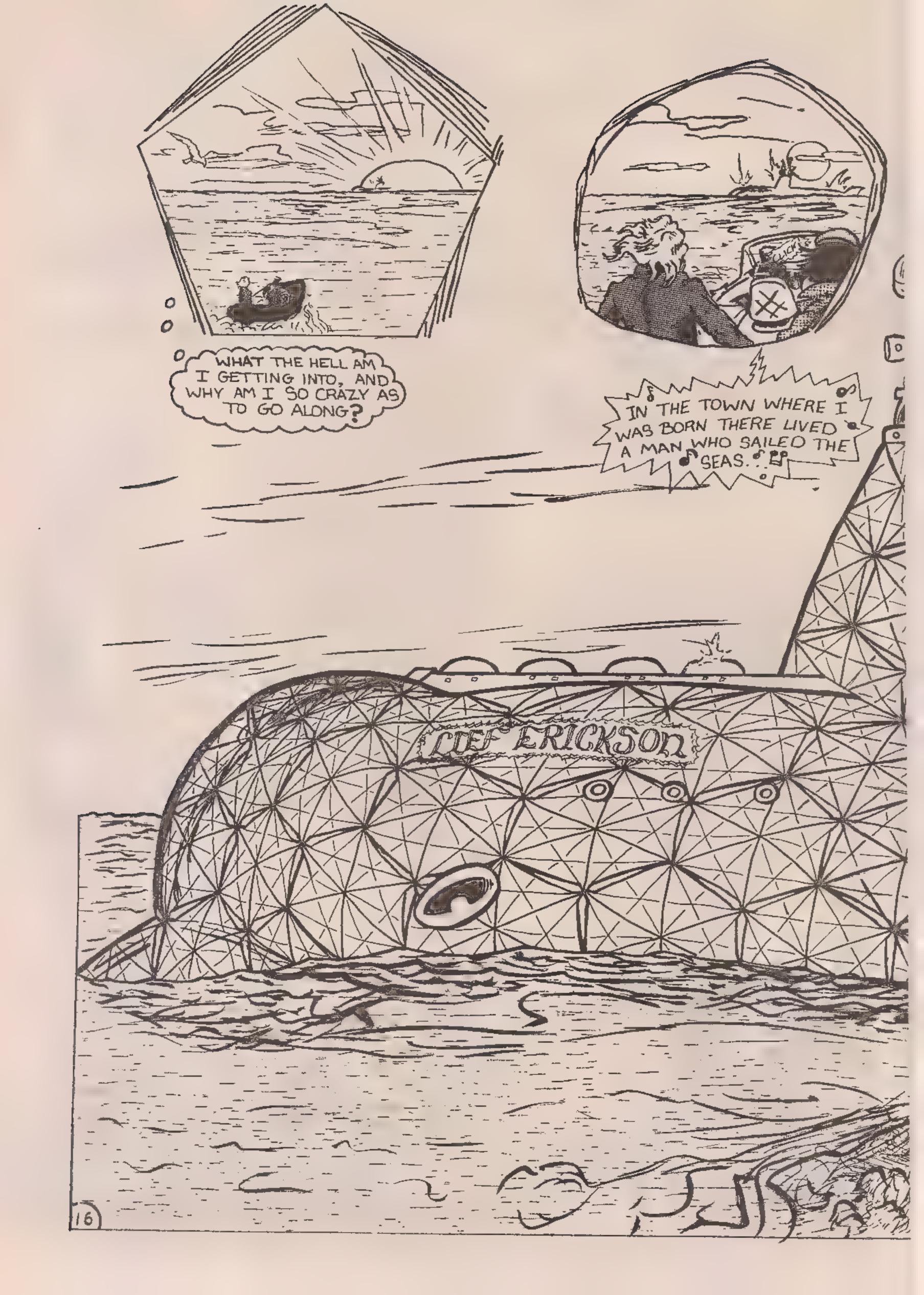


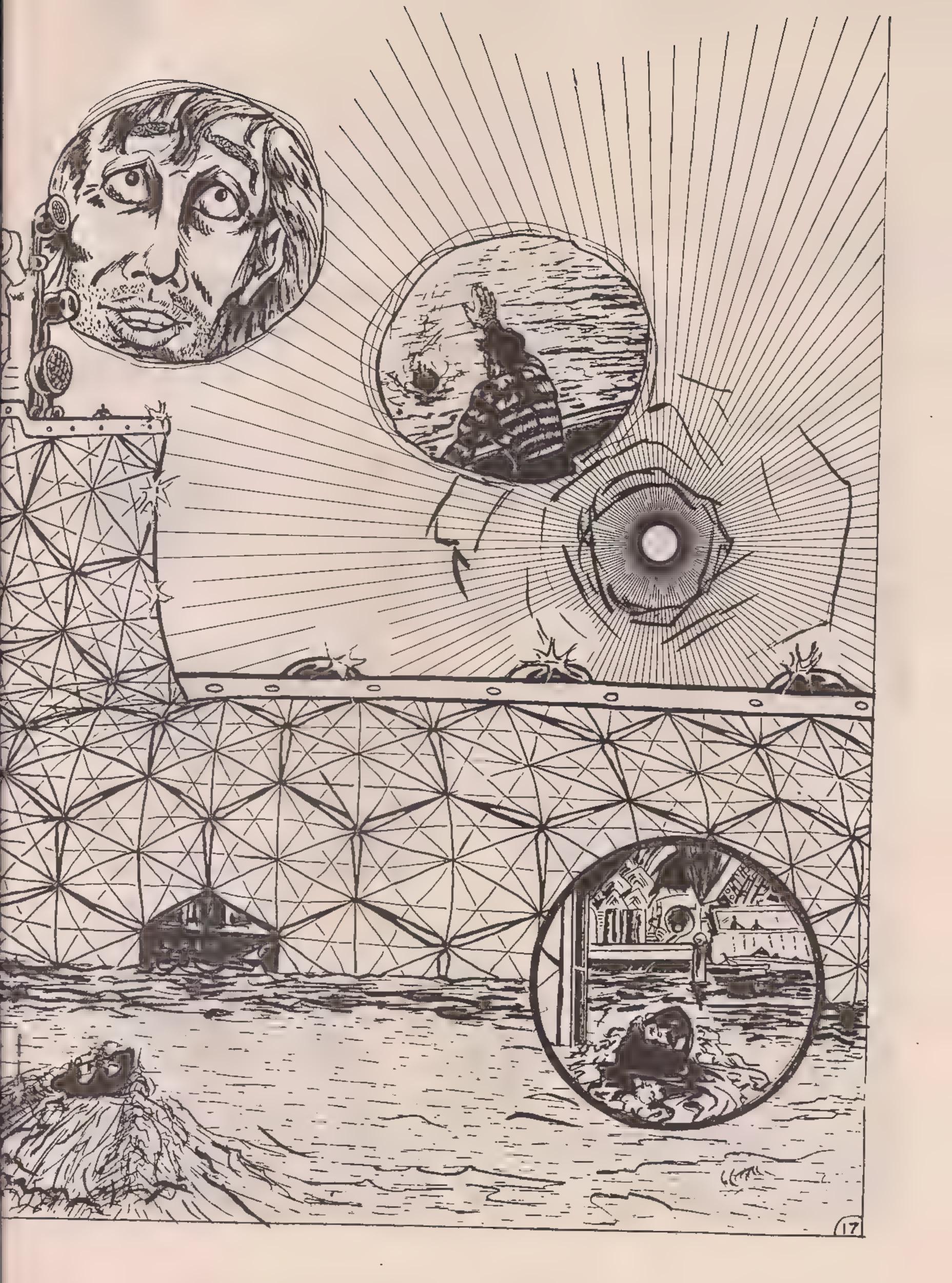
















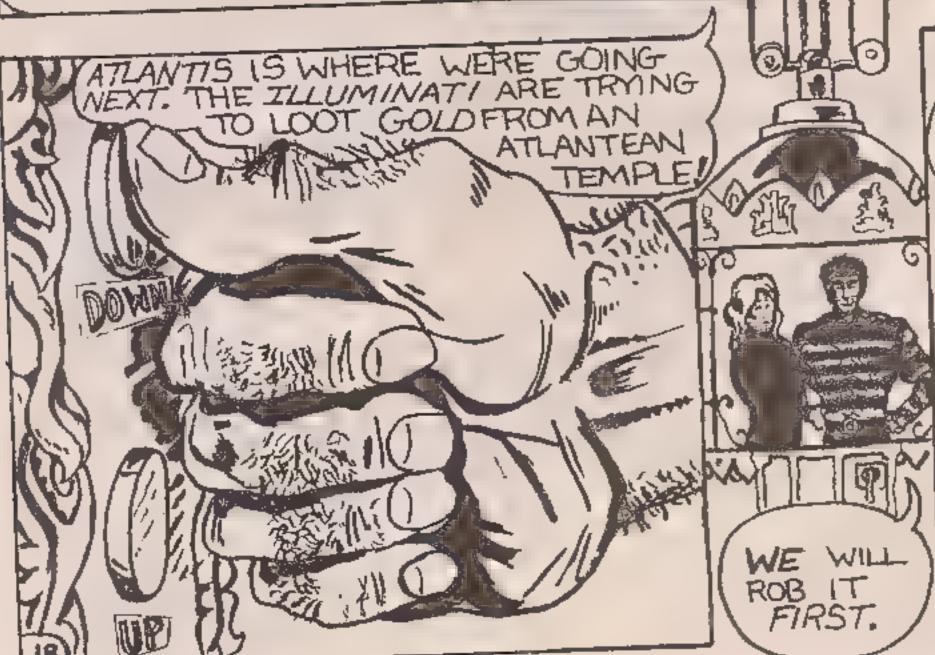
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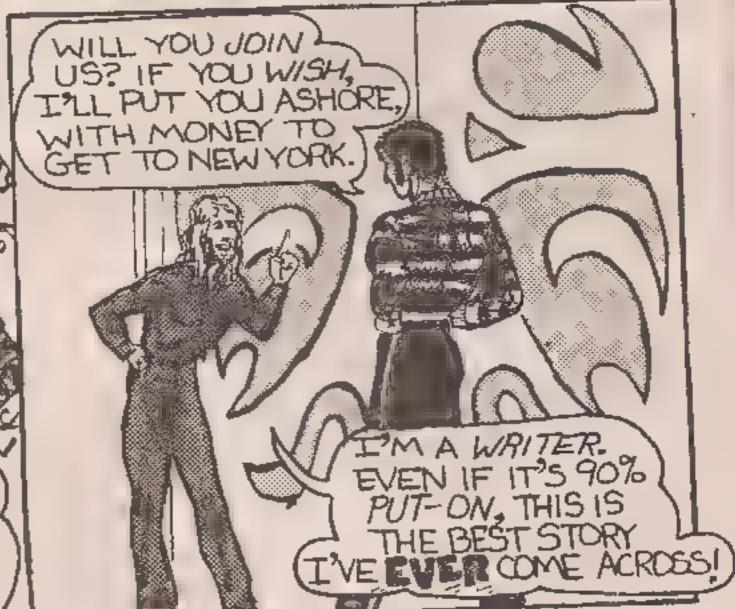
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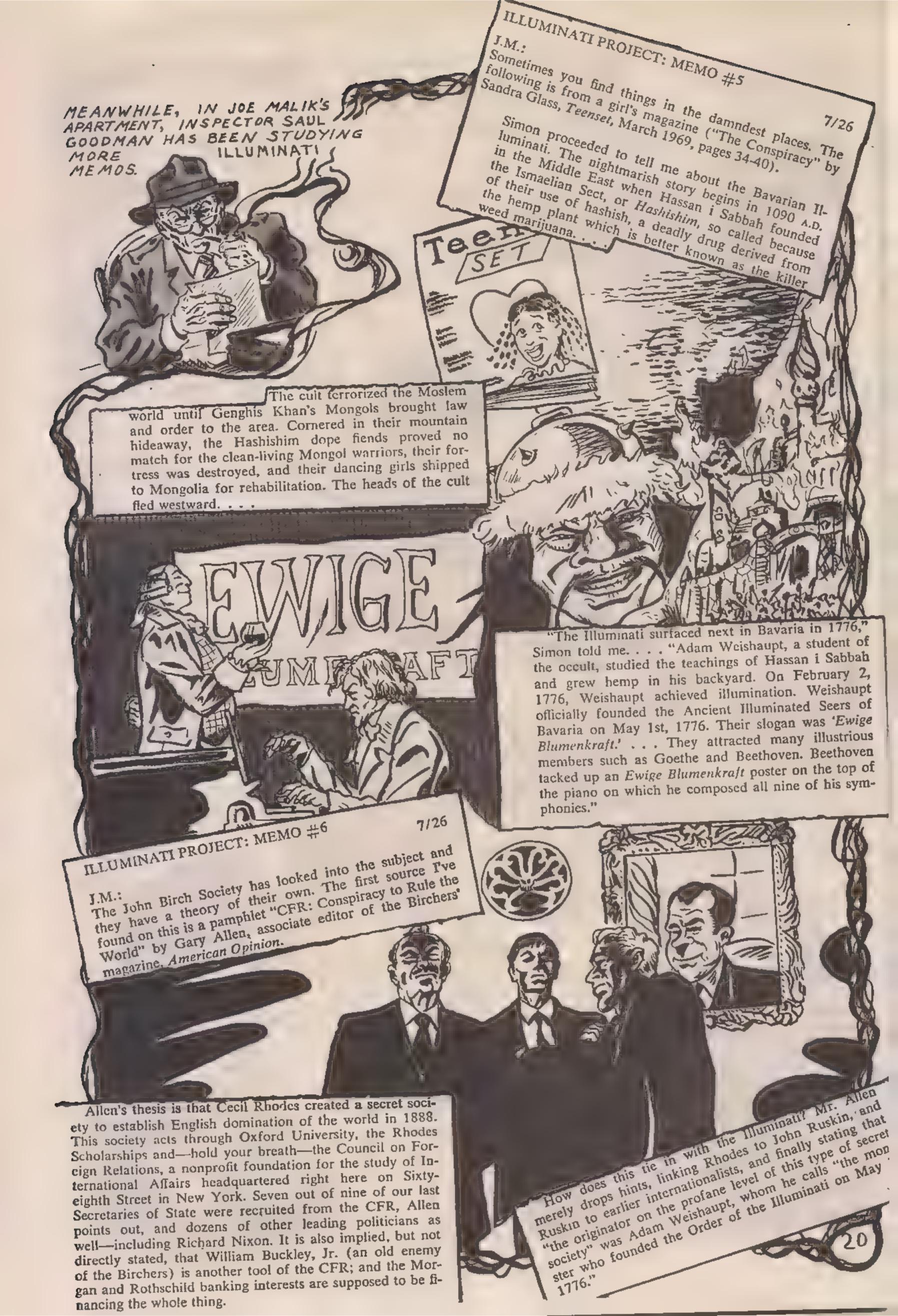
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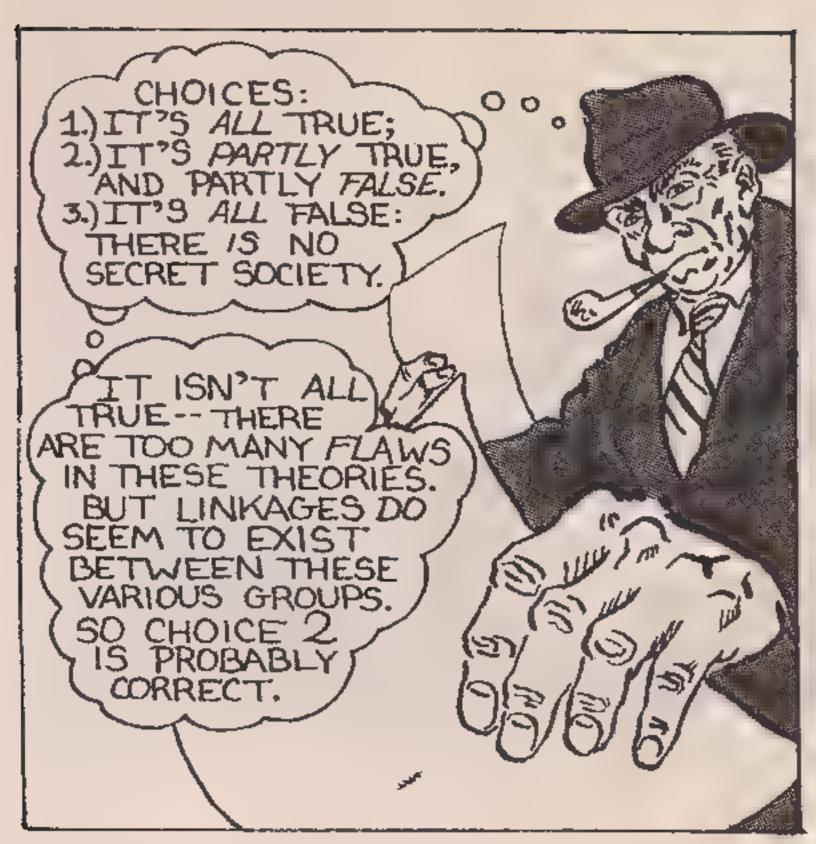




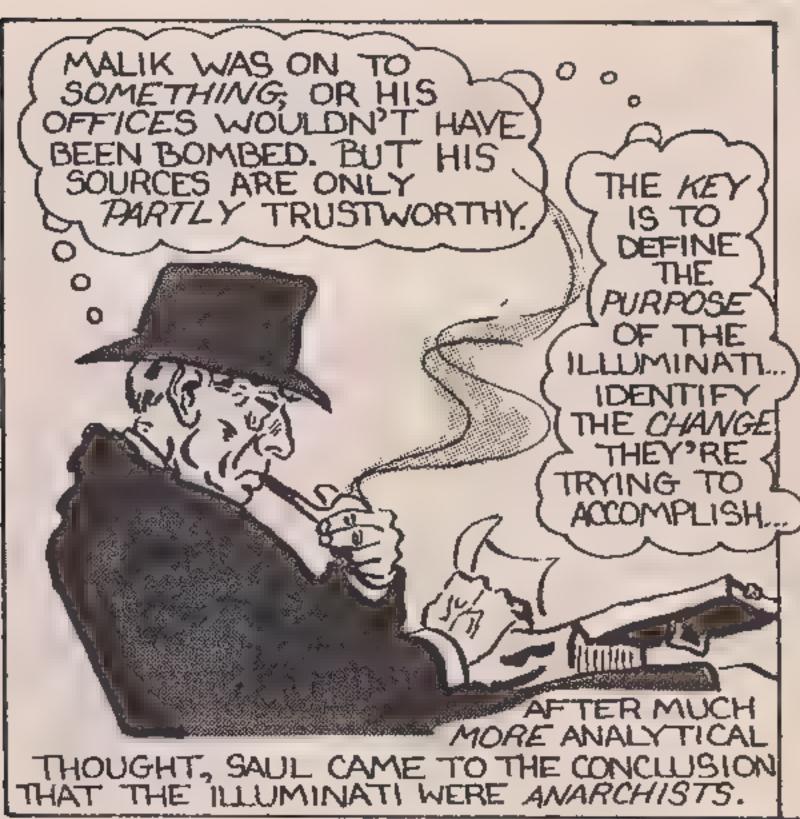


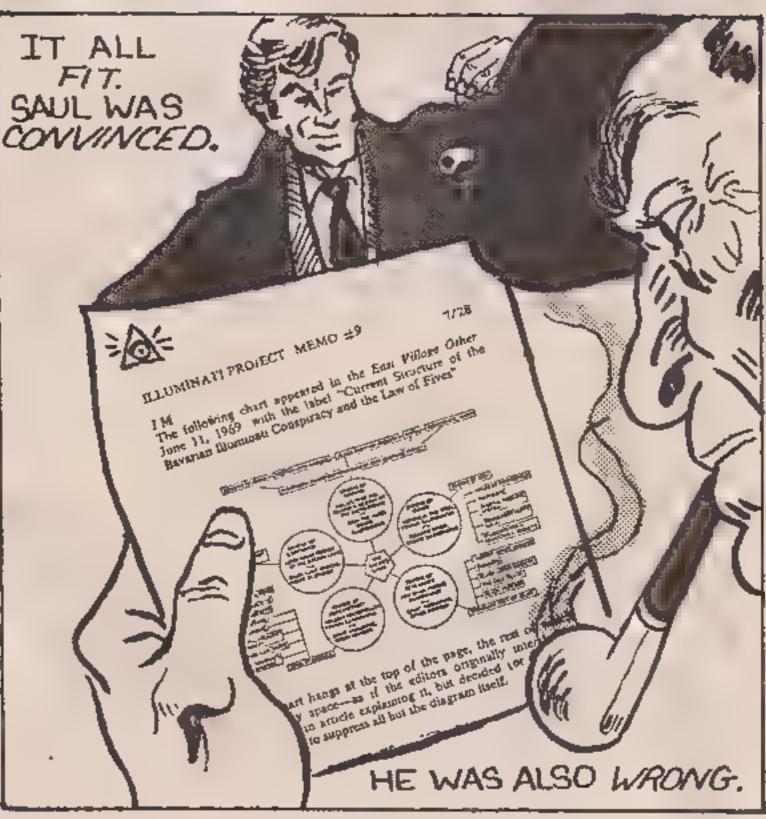














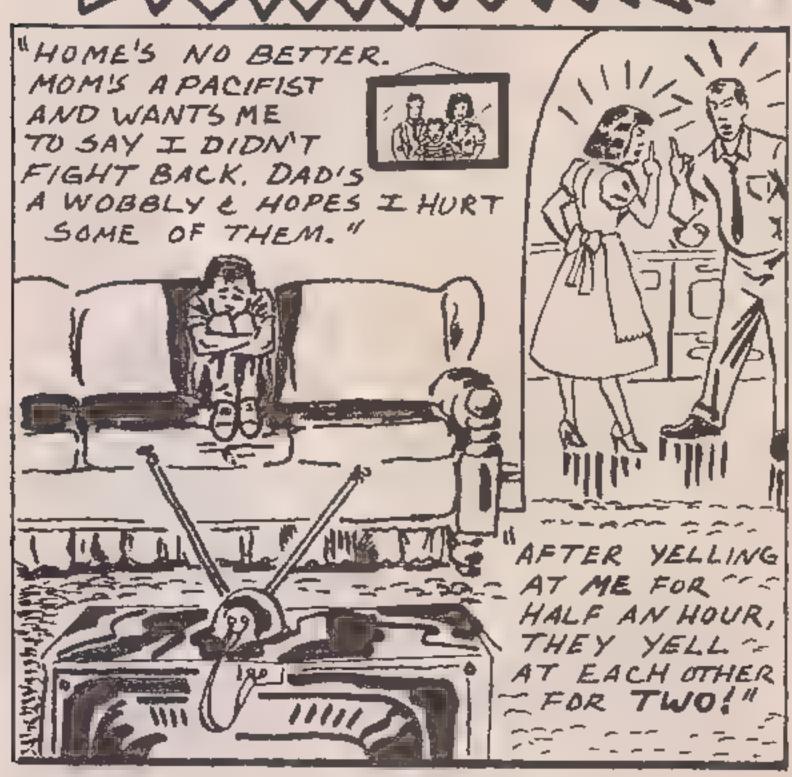






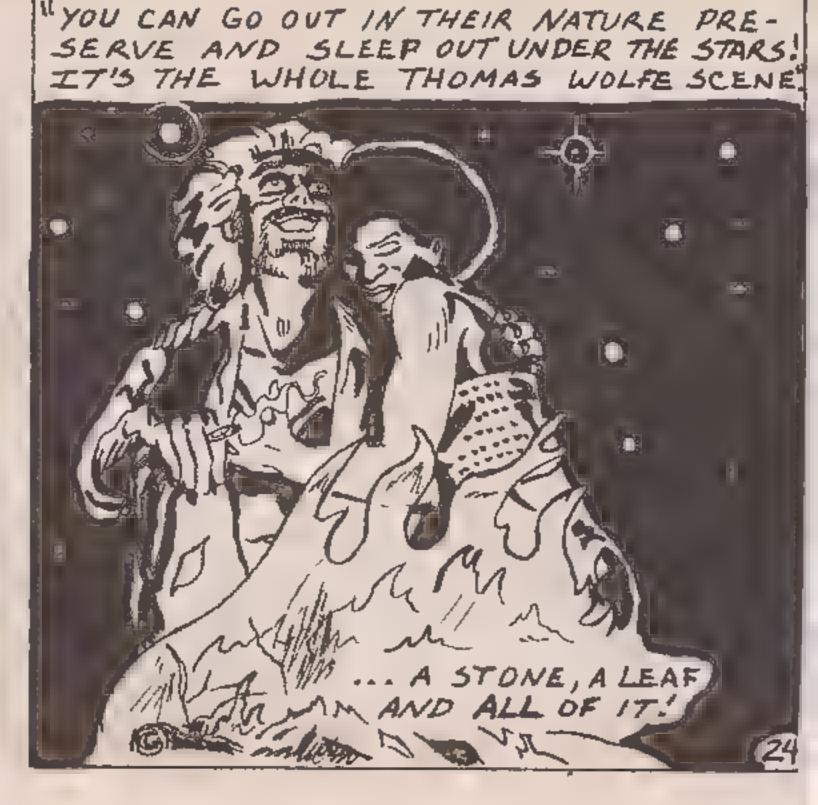


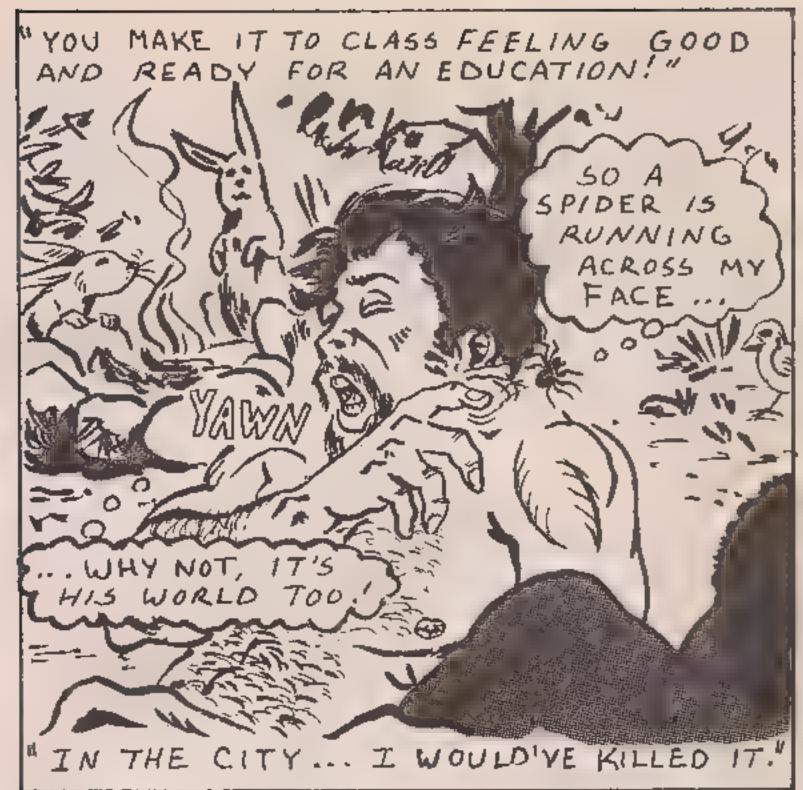






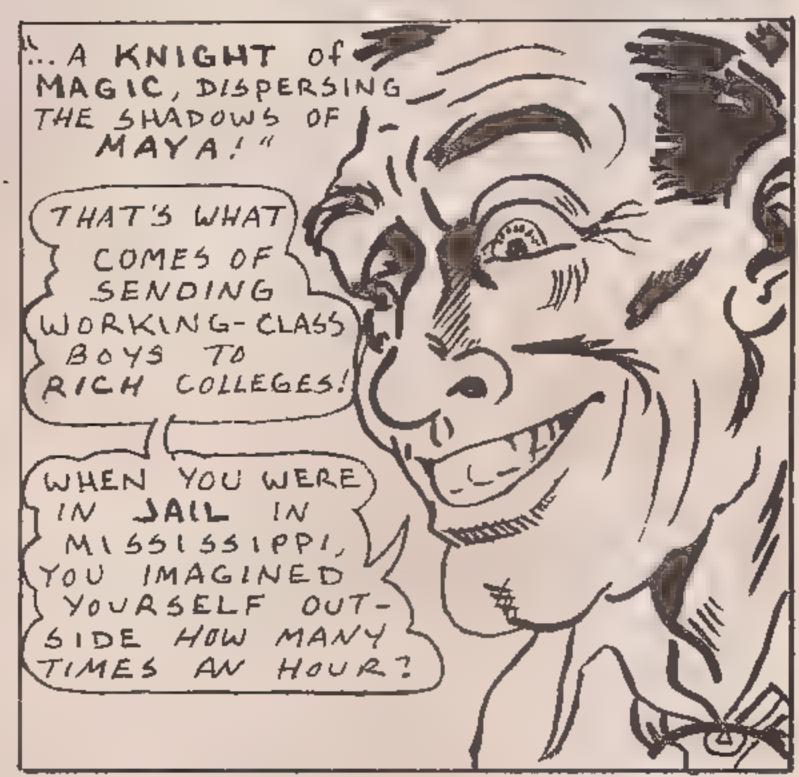




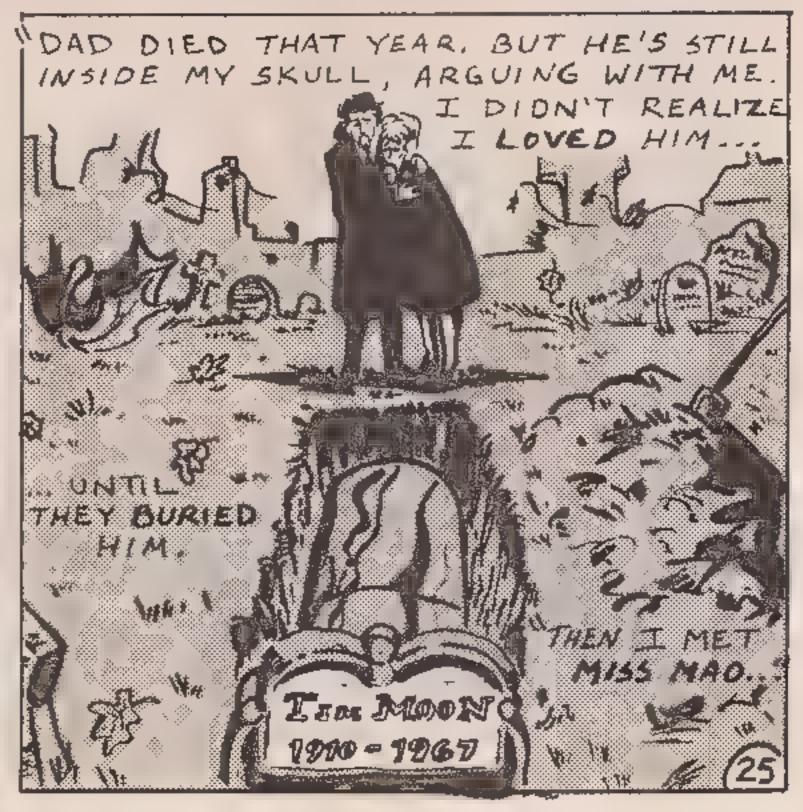




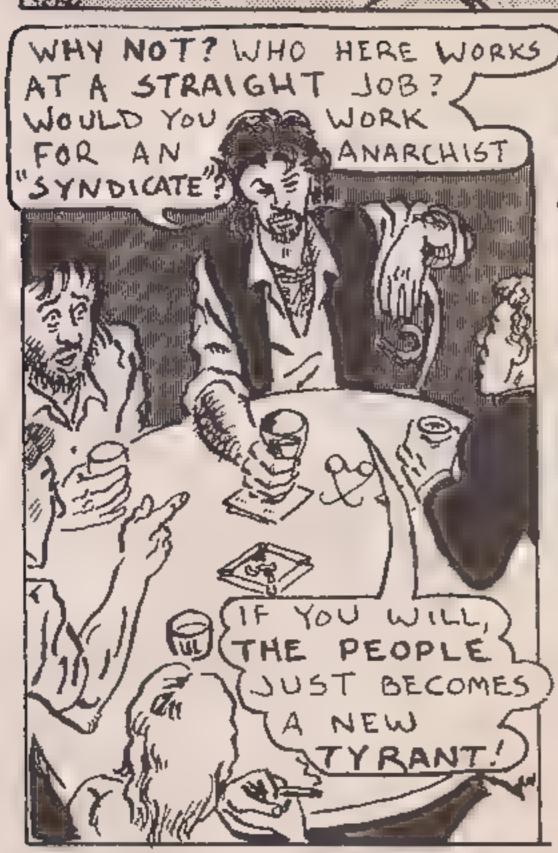
















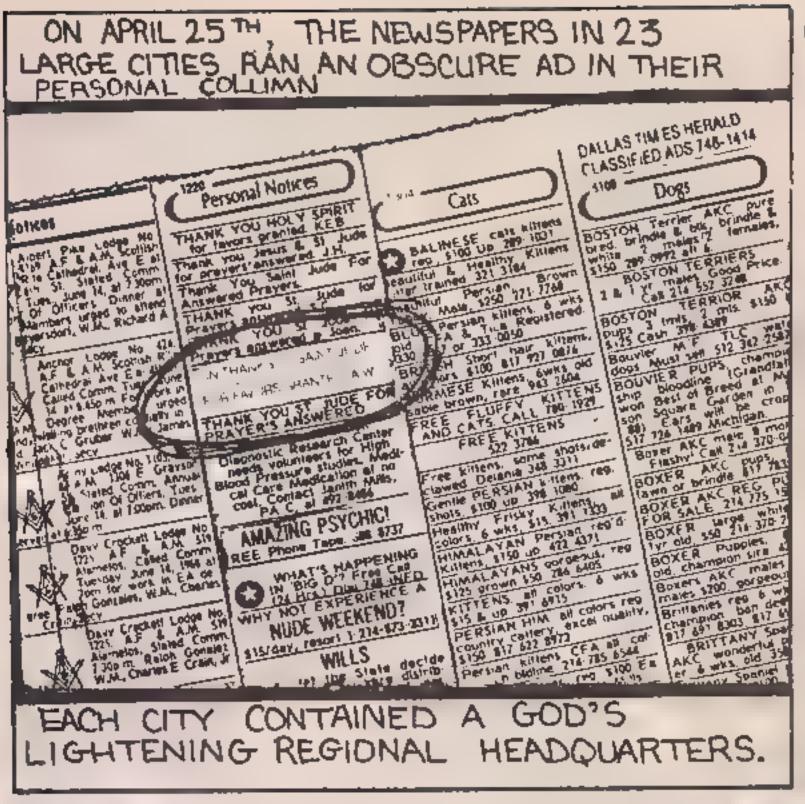


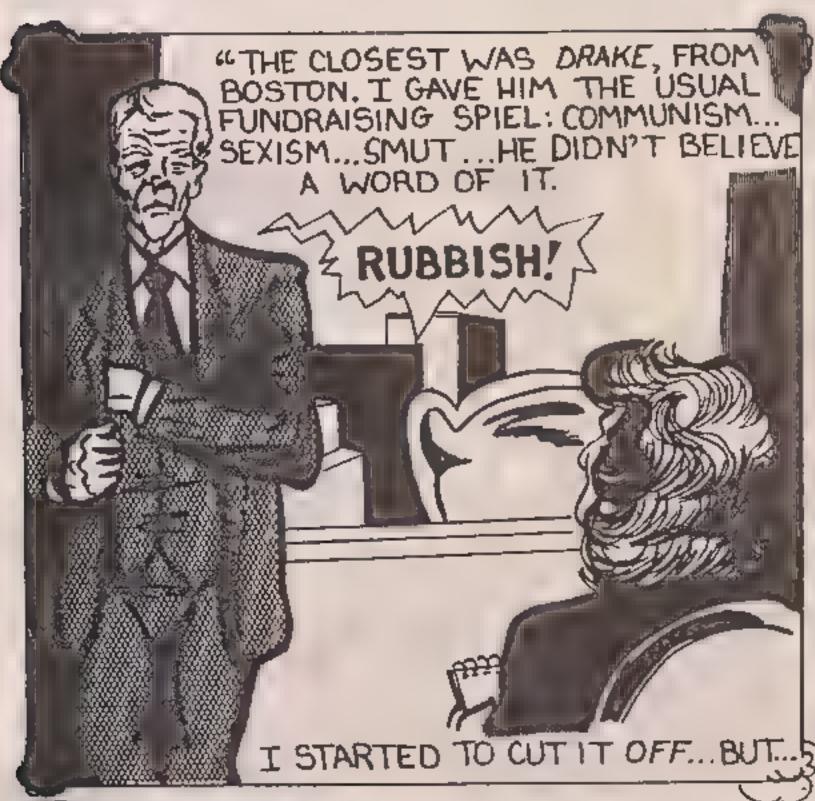




























Sat., 5 Aug., 1987

Hail Icarus!

Yeah verily it hath been a looong time. Sorting through my unanswered mail, I stumbled upon 2 items from you today and said-"Hey! What the fuck! Time to write MS!" Have you seen the ILLUMINATUS! comic book? I was reading it last night—quite a mind blower! Ah, yes,

you had a hand in producing it, didn't ya?

Do as the Lady wills (Hail Holy Whim!) on the use of CCC (Child of the Cosmic Clown, or Cosmic Cesspool Cleaner-I!). I shall be unlikely to ever get out my hopedfor companion to Principia Discordia; so I am unlikely to reach enuff folks to spread "CCC" the way "KSC" was spread. For myself, I rarely use esoteric pedigree these days. I have had to let my esoteric studies slide; the holy chaos of flux still reigns, and possibilities of activity abound.

Of course, the Philosopher's Stone of modern Physics is the Unified Field/force Theory. Yes, so far, the known forces have each been related—and all that seems lacking is a fifth (Hail Eris!) force to tie them all up in a neat package. Will they ever realize that Chaos IS the fifth force?

It amuses me that every would-be esoteric organizer patterns their groups "loosely after the golden Dawn and OTO." Why not just call them hierarchical in a Masonic sense and move on? Must Crowley's ghost be drug into

every scheme? (Just a thought.)

Who, pray tell, is KFM? Valhalla Chapter? Lady Val? This sheet on DAPs and other such is somewhat confusing, but what the hey, I can speak Bureaucrat. Thanks for sending it along. That concludes the reply to your items. Write me at my new address if you feel moved. Thanks for doing the comic.

> Hail Eris! Hail Momus! All Hail Discordia! Whoopee! Rev. Cahbet PO Box 12921 Memphis, TN 38182-0921

Thank you much, Cahbet. I enjoyed corresponding with you in those early formative days, and really enjoyed getting your letter. I edited out some of the personal stuff for publication here. Cahbet is one of the mid-'80's Discordia/Sub-Genius folks that helped bring this comic into manifestation. He's HQed in TN, so anyone near there wishing to get in touch with him might want to do so.

Momus is the Cosmic Clown in his reality system,

and it goes from there.

KFM, Cahb, is Knights of the Falcon of Malta. Reach for that Summit!

Hey Ho!

I just ran across a copy of the first issue of the comic version of ILLUMINATUS! (and have reviewed it in my small-press reviews column in comic Buyer's Guide) and thought I'd write and say "Hi!" I kinda wish I'd liked it more but what the hell...an ILLUMINATUS! comic of any quality is better than no comic. Did a second issue ever appear? Considering I'm a regular CBG reader I s'pose I should be up on it but all I remember is a few ads in the classified section (and thinking "Boy, I wish some enterprising company would do an adaptation of the Wilson and Shea books!").

Hey, I just caught an episode of a British rock TV show which included an interview with members of the group Justified Ancients of Mummu! It seems one of 'em was reading this book a few months back and thought it would make a good name for a group...sounds like something Wilson would come up with in a story!

Hope all's well for you; happy holidays!

Paul Curtis

Thanks for the note, Paul, and for the review in CBG! Hope you like the stuff we're doing now with the adaptation a bit better. We've pulled our quality up a LOT since then. And, like you, "nothing less that Watchmen quality" is what we're striving for.

This next letter is from Omar Khayyam Ravenhurst, KSC, one of the two founders of modern Discor-

dianism, please take note:

25 March 1988

HI:

Forgive the lateness of my reply, but I am for some unknown reason somewhat retarded about reading comic books-so it took me awhile to get into it. But I enjoyed it at least as much as the original and found it far more coherent besides. Congratulations for some fine work.

I also sent Greg one of them, as per your request. For the past few years he has been mysteriously reclusive and uncommunicative most of the time.

Anyway, thank you very much.

Sincerely, Kerry

And thank you, Kerry, for helping to start the process that brought this whole thing into being.

Greg, for those unaware, is Malaclypse the Younger, who wrote the Principia Discordia, the most major Discordian Holy Book outside IL-LUMINATUS!, and the other founder of modern Discordianism.

Kerry, last I knew, was publishing various articles and a paper called The Decadent Worker that may be of interest to you folks. Last price was 5 issues for \$1 from Packrat Press, box 5498, Atlanta, GA 30307. Also available: Spare Change, \$1, and The Book of Refuge, \$5. If these are unavailable, he usually has something of comparative value available. The man's a prolific small press author, and well worth checking out.

30 Jul 1987

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Howdy Freaky Folks of Kali-Ma-Zoo.

Just got and grooved yer work on the Illuminati (Kether). If and when you finish, I hope you'll do Rob Wilson's Masks, & Schrodinger's Cat. I'm sending you some of my stuff so dat maybee (buzz, buzz) the KFM and DDDD could drop me any propaganda (or propergeese, or fake ducks).

I'll go now to sleep with dreams filled with Selene and the fallen Sophia.

Yours Gnostically,
Pete (the Cardinal) Cox
Church of the Holy OM
Ancient and Loyal Knights of
Falstaff
Many Matter Mysteries

The Cardinal sent me an interesting 'zine called CHAOS....couldn't find the price, you might want to drop him a line.

One final note here: We at Eye-n-Apple Productions are making tentative plans to appear at the Winterstar Symposium Feb. 7-10 sponsored by ACE. It will be held between Cleveland and Columbus, OH. Further details can be gained by writing:

Association for Consciousness Exploration 1643 Lee Rd. #9

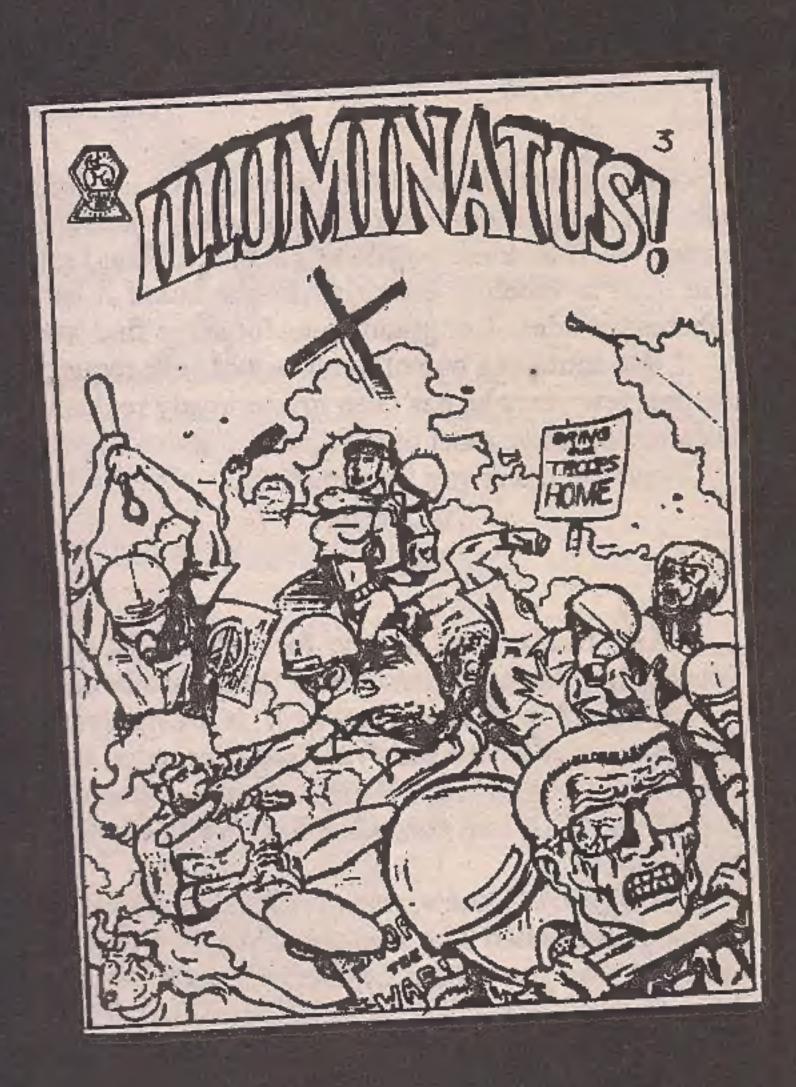
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Other guests include Isaac Bonewits, author of Real Magic, Ian Coorigan, Bard and Magician, Nema, one of the Cincinnati Journal of Ceremonial Magick folks, Kenneth Deigh, publisher of Mezlim, and Rev. Ivan Stang of the Church of the SubGenius. Tell them I sent you.

Bye!

ICARUS!

NEXT IN ISSUE #3!



In drug-induced flashbacks we visit a major nexus in the time-stream: the 1968 Chicago Riots. There we'll encounter the missing magazine editor, Joe Malik along with George Dorn, Simon Moon and several more of our multifarious cast of characters. And just where does John Dillinger fit into all this?

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Simon

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